

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 622

By Bowling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Pruitt Fulton of Franklin County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas Pruitt Fulton; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fulton was an exemplary gentleman and consummate professional who worked to improve the lives of his fellow citizens in a variety of capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on July 4, 1929, in Tullahoma, Mr. Fulton was the son of Edna Jones Fulton and William Horace Fulton, Sr.; he graduated from Tullahoma High School in 1947, thereafter gaining employment as a truck driver for Hoover Motor Express; and

WHEREAS, from 1952 to 1954, Thomas Fulton valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Army; he then transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve and served for an additional six years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fulton took his retirement from AT&T in 1984, after working in business telecommunication systems, in which capacity he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, a man of abiding faith, Thomas Fulton was a longtime member of First Baptist Church Decherd; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fulton will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Dorothy Bain Fulton; daughter, Tammie Fulton Hayer; grandchildren, Christopher Smith and Katelyn Smith; stepchildren, Reba (Dennis) Crosslin, Donna (George) Walker, and James Steven Howell; and many loving nieces; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Willadean Broadrick Fulton, with whom he shared fifty-seven years of marriage; his sisters, Lois Alsobrooks and Audrey Jackson; and his brother, Horace Fulton, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fulton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Thomas Pruitt Fulton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Fulton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.